PPT Worship in Spirit and Truth January 31, 2021 Senior Pastor, Dr. Janet Cook

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John 4:23 - 24 "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

- Have you ever wondered if we are more concerned with what worship does for us and less concerned with the object of our worship?
- It seems like it's more about what we get not what we give.

The time is now....

It is time to be aware of what God is seeking

Romans 12:1-3 "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship."

• Worship is living a life that is sacrificial, holy and pleasing to God.

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is —his good, pleasing and perfect will."

1 Cor. 2:14 states that "the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God...because they are spiritually discerned."

1 Peter 2:4-5 "As you come to him, the living Stone —rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

APOSTOLIC KINGDOM PRAISE Kingdom Praise is about God's will.

Matt. 6:33 – Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added unto you.

• It is our primary purpose as the church of Jesus Christ to work in the Kingdom.

Our thinking must change from "How can God bless me today?" to "God, what do You want to accomplish in the earth today? What is the will of the King?"

Psalm 110:2 "The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!"

• When we praise the King He comes and He begins to rule in our worship.

The Prophetic Movement revealed to us the Warrior in Christ.

1 John 3:8 "He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the Devil."

The Apostolic Movement is revealed the Ruler in Christ, The King of Glory.

Revelation 11:15 "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."

The warrior nature and the ruling nature go hand in hand in possessing and ruling the land. "Thy Kingdom Come..."

Exodus 15:1-4 Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: "I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. **The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name.** Pharaoh's chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh's officers are drowned in the Red Sea.

The Prophetic Movement – birthed in 1980's has the Church moving from a passive Church of wilderness wanderers to a mighty Church of Canaan-land conquerors through the revelation of warfare praise. The understanding that praise is a weapon of war is helping the Church to possess the promises of God and tear down strongholds through the power of praise.

Ps. 8:2 "Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength (Praise), because of Your enemies, that You may silence the enemy and the avenger."

Praise H5797 - From <u>H5810</u>; *strength* in various applications (*force*, *security*, *majesty*, *praise*): -boldness, loud, might, power, strength, strong.

The Apostolic Movement – "Present Truth" currently underway in the Body of Christ is restoring the principles of godly Church government on the foundations of the apostles and prophets so the Church can demonstrate the Kingdom of God throughout all the earth.

God has restored the Prophets and Apostles to the Body of Christ

Ephesians 4:11-13 And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

• The saints can take place and the Church can grow up into Her destiny of maturity and unity.

Do Not Grow Weary in Well Doing!

Galatians 6:9 "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 "For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, works for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal."